

March 3, 2004

Honorable John G. Rowland  
Governor of Connecticut  
State Capitol  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rowland:

Thank you for your letter forwarding Connecticut's recommendations on air quality designations for the national health based standards for fine particles. We received your letter on February 12, 2004.

Your letter is an important step toward providing citizens in your state with critical information about air pollution levels in their community. We intend to carefully review the recommendations and work with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection in determining final designations. The EPA must make its final official designation decisions for fine particles by December 31, 2004.

We look forward to working with Connecticut in the coming months on designations for the fine particle standards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Tim Williamson, Acting Manager of the Air Quality Planning Unit, at 617-918-1099.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney  
Regional Administrator

cc: Arthur J. Rocque, Commissioner, CT DEP  
Anne Gobin, CT DEP